NORTHAMPTON AND AMHERST STREET RAILWAY.

Fitchburg and Leominster Capitalists Interested in the Company.

The Northampton & Amherst Street Railway company was organized in Northampton, Friday, and already nearly one-half of the capital stock of the company has been subscribed. This scheme has been under contemplation for a number of years, but nothing has been heard of it recently, and all but those interested supposed the plan had gone over for this year at least. So the placing of the matter on an active footing comes as a surprise.

The stockholders elected these directors last evening: B. E. Cook, Jr., H. L. Williams and L. S Davis Northampton; Walter D. Cowles of Amherst, Charles Cook of Hadley, E. F. Blodgett of Leominster and F. S. Coolidge of Fitchburg. Legal steps to incorporate the company will be at once taken and the petitioning of the city of Northampton and the towns of Hadley and Amherst for a location of tracks will follow.

The route as desired by the company starts at the corner of Main and State streets in Northampton, along Main and Bridge streets to the Hadley bridge, across the Connecticut river through Hadley Center, and via the main highway to the corner of Northampton and South Pleasant streets in Amherst. The total distance is about seven miles. There is a question about the company being able to obtain a location on the bridge across the Connecticut, but if it does not obtain the right it is proposed to build a bridge near the present structure.

The capitalization of the company will be $150,000 and the subscriptions have already been received: Northampton, B. E. Cook, 10; H. L. Williams, 10; L. S. Davis, 10; C. H. Dickinson, 10; W. H. Clapp, 10; W. E. Cooney, 10; Fitchburg, F. S. Coolidge, 100, Henry A. Goodrich, 50; M. A. Coolidge, 100; Leominster, E. F. Blodgett, 100; George R Damon, 100; A. S Paton, 100; Hadley, Charles Cook, 10; Brattleboro, Vt., E. C. Crosby, 100; Amherst, W. Q Cowles, 10; Deerfield, Theodore Childs, 10; Wakefield, George M. Thompson, 10; making a total of 750. The par value is $100.

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